



Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July CY 2017 Update

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10104 informs MACs about the release of payment files based upon the calendar year (CY) 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

Payment files were issued to the MACs based upon the CY 2017 MPFS Final Rule, published in the Federal Register on November 15, 2016, to be effective for services furnished between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017. Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.

Following is a summary of the changes for the July update to the 2017 MPFSDB.

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2017, except as noted otherwise.

CPT/HCPCS	Action
20245	Global Days = 000
52441	Endo Base = 52000
64897	Co-Surgery = 1
64902	Co-Surgery = 1
J1725	Status = I, effective for DOS on or after July 1, 2017
P9072	Status = I, effective for DOS on or after July 1, 2017

The following new codes have been added to the HCPCS file effective May 1, 2017. The HCPCS file coverage code is C (carrier judgment) for these new codes. Coverage and payment will be determined by the MAC (they are not part of the MPFS).

CPT Code	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor
0004U	Nfct ds dna 27 resist genes	Infectious disease (bacterial), DNA, 27 resistance genes, PCR amplification and probe hybridization in microarray format (molecular detection and identification of AmpC, carbapenemase and ESBL coding genes), bacterial culture colonies, report of genes detected or not detected, per isolate
0005U	Onco prst8 3 gene ur alg	Oncology (prostate) gene expression profile by real-time RT-PCR of 3 genes (ERG, PCA3, and SPDEF), urine, algorithm reported as risk score

The following new codes from CR 10107 have also been added to the MPFSDB effective July 1, 2017 (see MLN Matters article MM10107 (when it is available) for code descriptions and additional information):

CODE	ACTION
Q9984	Procedure Status = N; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
Q9985	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
Q9986	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
Q9988	Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply
Q9989	Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply

The following new HCPCS and CPT Category III codes have been added effective July 1, 2017.

Code	Modifier	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	MPFSDB Indicator Information
Q9987		Pathogen test for platelets	Pathogen(s) test for platelets	Procedure Status X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0469T		Rta polarize scan oc scr bi	Retinal polarization scan, ocular screening with on-site automated results, bilateral	Procedure Status N; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0470T	TC, 26	Oct skn img acquisj i&r 1st	Optical coherence tomography (OCT) for microstructural and morphological imaging of skin, image acquisition, interpretation, and report; first lesion	Procedure Status C; PC/TC indicator 1; there are no RVUs, no other payment policy indicators apply.
0471T	TC, 26	Oct skn img acquisj i&r addl	Optical coherence tomography (OCT) for microstructural and morphological imaging of skin, image acquisition, interpretation, and report; each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Procedure Status C; PC/TC indicator 1; there are no RVUs, no other payment policy indicators apply.
0472T		Pgrmg io rta eltrd ra	Device evaluation, interrogation, and initial programming of intra-ocular retinal electrode array (eg, retinal prosthesis), in person, with iterative adjustment of the implantable device to test functionality, select optimal permanent programmed values with analysis, including visual training, with review and report by a qualified health care professional	Procedure Status C; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

Code	Modifier	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	MPFSDB Indicator Information
0473T		Reprgrmg io rta eltrd ra	Device evaluation and interrogation of intra-ocular retinal electrode array (eg, retinal prosthesis), in person, including reprogramming and visual training, when performed, with review and report by a qualified health care professional	Procedure Status C; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0474T		Insj aqueous drg dev io rsvr	Insertion of anterior segment aqueous drainage device, with creation of intraocular reservoir, internal approach, into the supraciliary space	Procedure Status C; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0475T		Rec ftl car sgl 3 ch i&r	Recording of fetal magnetic cardiac signal using at least 3 channels; patient recording and storage, data scanning with signal extraction, technical analysis and result, as well as supervision, review, and interpretation of report by a physician or other qualified health care professional	Procedure Status C; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0476T		Rec ftl car sgl elec tr data	Recording of fetal magnetic cardiac signal using at least 3 channels; patient recording, data scanning, with raw electronic signal transfer of data and storage	Procedure Status C; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.
0477T		Rec ftl car sgl xrtj alys	Recording of fetal magnetic cardiac signal using at least 3 channels; signal extraction, technical analysis, and result	Procedure Status C; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

Code	Modifier	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor	MPFSDB Indicator Information
0478T		Rec ftl car 3 ch rev i&r	Recording of fetal magnetic cardiac signal using at least 3 channels; review, interpretation, report by physician or other qualified health care professional	Procedure Status C; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators do not apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10104, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R3772CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
May 15, 2017	Initial article released.

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